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SUBJECT: MILITARY COMMUNIQUE NO. 1374 - FRELIMO ATTACK ON
BARRACKS IN NEGOMANO

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 125

1. MOZAMBIQUE ARMED FORCES HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE NO. 13/74
OF MARCH 2 ANNOUNCES THAT ON FEBRUARY 18 BEFORE DAWN LARGE
BAND OF GUERRILLAS TRIED ASSAULT MILITARY BARRACKS AT NEGOMANO
NEXT TO ROVUMA RIVER. DESPITE FACT THAT ATTACK WAS PRECEDED
WITH VIOLENT SHELLING BY LIGHT ARMS, MEDIUM MORTARS AND
RECOILLESS CANNONS, NO LOSSES WERE VERIFIED AMONG NATIONAL
FORCES. IN REACTION TO THE ATTACK PORTUGUESE FORCES INFLICTED
FOLLOWING LOSSES: 11 CONFIRMED DEAD, AMONG WHOM WAS LEADER
OF ATTACKING BAND; ONE CONFIRMED SERIOUSLY WOUNDED; ONE
GUERRILLA CAPTURED. ALSO CAPTURED: 1 AUTOMATIC RIFLE,
1 MACHINE GUN, 1 PISTOL, 5 HAND GRENADES AND DIVERSE
MATERIALS.

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WM NOTICIAS OF MARCH 2 REPORTS INFORMATION (NOT COMMUNIQUE)
FROM MOZAMBIQUE HIGH COMMAND IN NAMPULA THAT GUERRILLAS
ATTACKED ALDEAMENTO AT CHIPANDA IN TETE DISTRICT NEAR
CHANGARA ON FEBRUARY 27. GUERRILLAS SHELLLED ALDEAMENTO WITH
MORTARS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS WITHOUT RESULTS. IN THE ASSAULT
3 INHABITANTS (INCLUDING 1 WOMAN AND 1 CHILD) WERE KILLED,
1 GRAVELY WOUNDED, AND 143 HABITATIONS WERE DESTROYED,
2 STORES WERE SACKED AND 1 CIVILIAN VEHICLE WAS PARTIALLY
BURNED. RURAL GUARDS WHO OPPOSED GUERRILLAS SUFFERED ONE
DEATH AND ONE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AND LOST 2 REPEATER RIFLES.
MILITARY FORCES SENT IN AS REINFORCEMENT PUT ATTACKERS TO
FLIGHT. POPULACE OF CHIPANDA FLED INTO THE BUSH DURING
ASSAULT AND IS NOW RETURNING TO THE ALDEAMENTO.

3. COMMENT: FRELIMO THUS CONTINUING ITS PRESSURE ON CIVILIAN
POPULATION CENTERS IN TETE AS WELL AS ITS EFFORTS TO CAPTURE
MILITARY OUTPOST NEAR TANZANIAN BORDER IN NORTHERN CABO
DELGADO.
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